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AFTER DINNER WITH AMBASSADOR DOWLING ON MONDAY, MARCH 6, DEFENSE MINISTER STRAUSS STAYED TO LAST AND EXPRESSED TO ME WITH SOME INTENSITY HIS APPREHENSIONS ABOUT A POSSIBLE BASIC CHANGE IN U.S. NUCLEAR DEFENSE STRATEGY, AS WELL AS HIS SUSPICIONS GERMANY IS NOT BEING TREATED AS A FULL AND EQUAL MEMBER OF WESTERN ALLIANCE.

STRAUSS POINTED TO GENERAL SPECULATION IN PRESS, PARTICULARLY FOLLOWING PUBLICATION OF ARTICLE IN WASHINGTON STAR ABOUT A MEMORANDUM BY SECRETARY OF STATE. STRAUSS SAID HE HAD DONE WHAT HE COULD TO CLARIFY PUBLICLY POSITION OF FEDGOV, AND HAD TOLD HIS PEOPLE NOT TO DISCUSS THESE ISSUES FURTHER IN PUBLIC DOMAIN.

WHILE PROTESTING THAT HE DID NOT PERSONALLY SHARE SUSPICIONS AND DOUBTS TO WHICH HE REFERRED, STRAUSS MADE IT CLEAR HE IN FACT DOES SO. HE ALLUDED TO KISSINGER'S GRADUATED DETERRENT THEORY, AND REPEATED AGAIN AND AGAIN HIS CONVICTION THERE MUST BE NO DIFFERENTIATION, OR SEPARATE MILITARY ORGANIZATION, BETWEEN TROOPS WITH NUCLEAR CAPABILITY AND CONVENTIONAL FORCES. HE STRESSED NUCLEAR DETERRENT MUST EXIST AND BEGIN ON EASTERN BORDER OF FEDREP. AMONG INDICATIONS OF A DANGEROUS TREND

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